

REMARKS

On March 17, 2005, the U.S. Patent Office mailed a Notice of Allowability indicating that Claims 1, 5-24 and 27-46 were allowable. Via this amendment, dependent Claims 47-58 have been added. No claims have been amended or cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1, 5-24 and 27-58 are at issue in the present case.

I. New Dependent Claims

Applicants have added dependent Claims 47-58. Such claims depend (either directly or indirectly) from allowed Claim 27. Accordingly, a new search is not required.

Applicants submit that the amendments (A) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and (B) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent Office, as required by MPEP § 714.16. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

II. Additional Claim Fees

In determining whether additional claim fees are due, reference is made to the Fee Calculation Table (below).

Fee Calculation Table

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	53	Minus	41	= 12	x \$50 =	\$ 600.00
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	7	Minus	7	= 0	x \$200 =	\$ 0.00

As set forth in the Fee Calculation Table (above), Applicants previously paid claim fees for forty-one (41) total claims and for seven (7) independent claims. Therefore, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the credit card identified on the enclosed Form

PTO-2038 in the amount of \$600.00 for the presentation of twelve (12) total claims over forty-one (41). Although Applicants believe that no other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

Applicants believe that the application appears to be in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number regarding any matters relating to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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